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Become a Crop Weather Reporter

HARRISBURG, PA - If you are knowledgeable about crops across your county and have Internet access, you qualify to be a weekly crop reporter. It only takes about 10-15 minutes each week to alert USDA of the crop situation in your county using the Internet report form. We will use that information to generate the weekly report of Crop Conditions across the Northeastern Region.

This report is issued weekly during the growing season, April to November, and lists planting, fruiting, and harvesting progress and overall condition of selected crops in major producing states.

You can help alert USDA about crop progress and unusual crop conditions during the growing seasons. Instead of waiting until the crop is in, you can give us an early warning of crop situations that may need our attention for possible assistance.

If you can help agriculture in the Northeastern region with this popular weekly crop update, you will be given your own username and password. Reporters will be sent an email notice every Thursday or Friday when the system is available. We ask that reports are completed by 10 AM on Monday. A Monday report is preferred to include any significant weekend weather events, but an earlier report will gladly be used if Monday is not practical for you that week.

To learn more, visit our website and click on the "Help Wanted" link found here: https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Pennsylvania/Publications/Crop Progress and Condition/index.php.

To become a Crop Weather Reporter or for more information, call us at 1-800-498-1518 and ask for the Crop Progress statistician; or send an email message to <u>nassrfoner@usda.gov</u>.

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